

Medical Officers Annual Report for the Year, 1946. .

The Minister of Health has directed that the Report for 1946 shall again be abbreviated and confined to information concerning essential and exceptional matters. Statistics are to be preserved but not included in the Report. The Minister desires it to include remarks on the progress of diphtheria immunisation, the steps taken to combat infestation and certain particulars regarding water supplies. .

General Health Statistics. .

These indicate that the health of the population remained good during the year. No unusual epidemics occurred. It is worth noting that the birth rate was unusually high. 168 births were registered, giving a birth rate per 1000 of population of 22.8. The corresponding figure for England and Wales on a whole was 19.1. The death rate was 10.6 as compared with the national rate of 11.5.

Immunisation against diphtheria. .

It is estimated that at the end of 1946 60% of the child population aged 0 to 5 were immunised, and 89% of those aged 5 to 15. These are satisfactory figures and the response to the immunisation campaign has been good. .

The duty of organising this among the infant group was taken over by the County Council during the year. Immunisation of the 5 to 15 group still remains the responsibility of the Local Council, but so few children of this age require to be done that a separate organisation is redundant and actually the immunisation of both groups is carried out by the same agency. .

Infestation. .

The verminous conditions which require treatment chiefly affect School Children and the responsibility of providing treatment for them now rests with the Education Authority. .

This Council has no means or arrangements of its own for providing such treatment. .

Water Supplies. .

The greater part of the District is still dependent on wells, Most of these, being in the chalk formation, give a tolerably pure supply, and a sufficient one if the wells are deep enough. In some areas where the wells are shallow a serious shortage of water occurs in seasons of drought. .

13 Parishes are provided, most of them only partly, with piped supplies. 18 Parishes are not so provided. .

There are 7 piped supplies in the District, owned and managed with one exception by private estates or companies. 5 of these waterworks are small and for one reason or another unsatisfactory. That at Winterbourne Stickland gave the most trouble. At one time during 1946 the supply failed and stream water was run into the reservoir. This was found to be so polluted that it was necessary to cart water to the village. After the clearing of a blocked main the supply has been more satisfactory.

43 water samples were taken for bacteriological examination and 3 or 4 of these gave unsatisfactory results. 2 samples for chemical analysis were taken with good results. .

Where there is a piped supply standpipes are the usual provision. Only a minority of the working class houses have water laid on inside the house. Exact figures of the number of houses so provided in each parish are not available at present. Until sewerage is available it is highly inadvisable to increase the number of houses with internal supplies. .

The Council's two new housing estates at Pimperne and Stourpaine have been provided with small and temporary sewage disposal works. . Otherwise there is no sewerage in any part of the District. .

The Council has ambitious and comprehensive schemes, in an advanced stage of planning, both for water supplies and sewerage for the whole District. .



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2. The [redacted] has been identified as a [redacted] and is currently operating in the [redacted] area. It is believed that the [redacted] is involved in [redacted] activities and is a threat to the [redacted] of the [redacted] area.

General Description of the [redacted]

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